

Franquet observes that the settlement was entirely composed of old residents. The stream of Acadian emigration had only touched the remote boundaries along the right bank of the north east river. The houses of the fishermen clustered along the breast of the slope at the foot of which stood stores and warehouses, and on its rounded summit rose the large and strongly built church dedicated to St. Peter. Owing to the extensive land grants the houses of the farmers stood far apart. Nothing, in Franquet's eyes, had ever surpassed the beauty and abundance of the harvest. He traversed field after field forming, as was his wont, comparisons in his own mind, between the crops he had seen in the most favoured provinces of France, and the crops he saw there waving under his eyes from soil only recently reclaimed from the wilderness. A grist mill was greatly needed in the settlement and he urged the Government to erect one in a locality as central as possible for the farmers.

From the dunes which thickly studded the sea-shore on the east and west side of the harbour, there grew a species of wild grass which made good fodder for cattle. No settler's deed of concession contained any mention of these sand hillocks, and the commandant, no matter how carefully he exercised the rights of the Government in granting to settlers permission to cut the grass, never failed to be accused of partiality. Hence, angry altercations and feuds disturbed the peace of the community. To put an end to these unseemly quarrels, Franquet suggested that the grass should be cut by common labour, and the hay distributed among the workers in proportion to the number of cattle possessed by each.

For the defence of the settlement Franquet designed a piquet fort of four bastions, and recommended it to be built on the crown of the same eminence on which the church stood. By placing it on the shore, it might, he argued, better defend the entrance to the harbour, but an enemy making a descent might effect a landing at some distant point of the coast, occupy the eminence and thence completely command the fortress. On the other hand the guns of the fort from the crest of the eminence, would protect a wide range of country, and yield shelter to the inhabitants and their property. Even in the event of an enemy